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HE committee to whom was recommitted the bill for the collection of the impost, reported a new bill, which was read and ordered to be taken up in a committee of the whole

*** this day.

A message was received from the senate acquainting the house, that they had acceded to certain amendments to the bill for laying a duty on goods, wares and merchandise, so far as to concur in the propositions of the house.—This bill has passed

A petition of William Finney, late an assistant quarter-master-general in the service of the United States, praying a reimbursement of monies expended by him in the public service, was read, and laid on the table.

Mr. Scott moved for the order of the day to take up the report of the committee appointed to confider and report the state of the unappropriated lands in the western territory. This was negatived.

The house then went into a committee on the bill for establishing the treasury department.

Mr. Trumbull in the chair.

Mr. Benson moved to alter that clause in the second paragraph, which provides, that the secretary shall give information to either branch of the legislature (as he may be required) &cc." so that it should read, " to either branch of the legislature in writing, or if required, verbally." The question on this motion being put, was negatived.

Mr. Vining then moved to strike out the following words-" to conduct the fale of the lands belonging to the United States in such manner as he shall be by law directed," and to insert " to direct and devise means for bringing into the treasury the money arising from the sale of the lands of the United States."

The words were struck out, and the following, which were moved for by Mr. Madison, (Mr. Vining having withdrawn those he proposed) were inserted; " to execute such services respecting the sale of the lands of the United States as may by law be required of him."

In the paragraph which recites the duties to be performed by the comptroller, Mr. Sedgwick moved to have the following words struck out-" that all monies when collected shall be paid into the public treasury,' and to infert-" for the regular and punctual payment of all monies collected, and an account thereof entered on the books of the treasury."

The words were struck out, and instead of the whole of the amendment, the following were inserted, " for the regular and punctual payment of all money that shall be collected."

Mr. Burke gave notice that he should bring in a clause to be added to the bill to prevent any of the revenue officers being engaged in commerce, directly or indirectly.

The house adjourned.

TUESDAY, June 30.

In committee of the whole on the bill for establishing the treasury department: several amendments were proposed to this bill, and adopted; among others-

That the treasury should, on the --- day of every session of congress, lay before the house copies of all accounts settled with the comptroller, also the state of

Bonds, to be given by the several officers, are to be deposited in the comptroller's office, and registered in the office of the supreme court of the United States.

The discussion of this bill being finished by the com-

Mr. Burke introduced his additional clause, which provides, that none of the officers in this department shall be concerned, either directly or indirectly, in trade or commerce, under loss of their places, and other heavy penalties: this amendment occasioned some conversation, when Mr. Burke withdrew it for the prelent. The committee then rose, and the chairman made his report. The speaker having resumed the chair, the house took up the bill as amended, and accepted the same, with some further alterations.

Mr. Schureman asked leave of absence till the beginning of next week, which was granted. The house then adjourned till to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, July 1.

The house met pursuant to adjournment, and refumed the consideration of the report of the committee of the whole house, on the bill for establishing the treatury department.

On motion of Mr. Burke, a clause was added to refrain the officers of that department from being concerned in trade or commerce-the bill was then ordered to be engroffed for a third reading to-morrow.

A message from the senate was received with the return of the impost bill.

It was moved by Mr. Gerry, to recede from the clause discriminating between foreign vessels.

The yeas and nays on the question being called by one fifth of the members, were as follow:

YEAS-Messrs. Ames, Baldwin, Benson, Burke, Cadwalader, Fitzsimons, Gerry, Gilmore, Goodhue, Hathorn, Huntington, Jackson, Lawrence, Lee, Livermore, Matthews, Moore, Patridge, Sedgwick, Sherman, Sinnickson, Smith, (Maryland) Smith, (S. C.) Stone, Sylvester, Thatcher, Trumbull, Tucker, Wadsworth, White and Wynkoop.

NAYS-Messrs. Boudinot, Brown, Carroll, Clymer, Coles, Contee, Griffin, Grout, Hackly, Madison, P. Muhlenberg, Page, Van Rensellaer, Scott, Seney, Sturges, Sumpter and Vining. 18.

So it was carried in the affirmative. Mr. Gerry reported a bill for regulating the pilots

and light-houses. Adjourned. THURSDAY, July 2.

The engrossed bill for establishing the treasury department was read a third time, and the blank in the clause providing that the treasurer shall give a bond with sufficient sureties for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, and for that of the officers under him, was filled up with 150,000 dollars; and the blank in the clause providing a penalty upon the secretary and other officers for being concerned in commerce, speculations, &c. was filled up with 5000 dollars for the delinquency of the fecretary, and 2000 dollars for that of the comptroller, register, &c.

The bill was then passed by a large majority. Mr. Gerry introduced a bill for establishing lighthouses, and for authorising the several states to create and regulate pilots. Ordered to be taken up in a committee of the whole on Wednesday next.

The house then resolved itself into a committee on the bill to regulate the collection of the impost; and the committee having made some progress rose, and the house adjourned.

> FRIDAY, July 3. In committee of the whole.

The bill to regulate the collection of the impost still under consideration.

The clause which restricts foreign ships to particular enumerated ports, it was moved should be struck out -this occasioned some debate, the substance of which occurred in the former discussion of the same subjectthis motion was finally withdrawn.

Mr. Gerry then introduced a motion, the purport of which was, that the names of the particular ports which were the object of the above motion, should be struck out, and the following words be substituted-" nor shall any foreign vessel enter or unlade but at those ports to which a collector, naval-officer and furveyor, is appointed." This also, after some conversation, was negatived.

The committee then proceeded in discussing the bill -- several ports were added to the list at which foreign vessels may enter-The committee having made further progress rose—the chairman reported—and the house adjourned till Monday.

Monday, July 6.

A letter to the speaker from his excellency Beverly Randolph, governor of Virginia, inclosing an account of the exports and imports of that state from January 20, 1788, to January 20, 1789, was read, and referred to the committee appointed to prepare estimates,

memorial from Andrew Ellicott, surveyor, addressed to both houses of congress, introduced by Mr. Page, was read, and referred to a committee confisting of Mr. Page, Mr. Scott and Mr. Baldwin.

A motion which had lain on the table fince the beginning of last month, for prefixing a correct copy of the constitution of the United States to the first volume of the laws, was called for by Mr. White. The vote being taken upon the same, it passed in the affirmative, and was sent to the senate for their concurrence.

A message was received from the president by his secretary, Mr. Lear, who informed, that he was directed by the president to return to the honourable house the bill, which had passed the two branches of the legislature, imposing duties on goods, wares and merchandise, imported into the United States, to which the president had affixed his signature of approbation.

In committee of the whole on the bill to regulate the collection of the impost.

Mr. Trumbull in the chair.

Further progress was made in the discussion: the committee rose after three o'clock, and had leave to fit again to-morrow. Mr. Wadsworth had leave of absence for a fortnight.

The house then adjourned to meet to-morrow at ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, July 7-

The house met agreeably to adjournment. In committee of the whole on the bill to segulate the collection of the impost.

Mr. Trumbull in the chair.

Very confiderable progress was made in the further discussion of this lengthy bill this day; but there was not sufficient time to finish it. The committee theretore role.

The chairman reported progress, and asked leave to fit again.

A message was received from the senate by their secretary informing, that they had appointed a committee to join with a committee of the honourable house, to examine the enrolled bill laying a duty on tunnage, and to present the same to the president for his approbation; also, that they had concurred in the vote of the honourable house, for prefixing the constitution to the publication of the laws of the United States.

Mr. Contee desired leave of absence for four weeks, which was granted.

The house then adjourned till to-morrow morning

ten o'clock. WEDNESDAY, July 8.

The house being met, they resolved themselves into

a committee of the whole on the bill for collecting the impost; but, not having time to complete the same, they rose and reported progress, and the house adjourn. ed until to-morrow ten o'clock. THURSDAY, July 9.

The house in committee resumed the consideration of the bill for regulating the collection of the impost, and made some further progress. Adjourned.

FRIDAY, July 10.

In committee of the whole on the bill to regulate the collection of the impost. The discussion of the bill was completed this day-

when the committee rose. Upon motion it was voted, That the chairman's re-

port should be received to-morrow.

Upon motion of Mr. Thatcher it was voted, That 100 copies of the estimate of supplies for 1789, as reported by the committee, should be printed for the accommodation of the members.

Mr. Parker had leave of absence for one month, and Mr. Trumbull for a fortnight. Adjourned.

SATURDAY, July 11.

The house, according to order, took up the report of the committee of the whole on the bill for collecting the impost, and having gone through and agreed to the amendments to the same, ordered it to be engrossed for a third reading this day. Adjourned.

PARIS, June 1.

N extraordinary courier from Vienna has brought a confirmation of the desperate state of the emperor's health, whose death is hourly expected. His palpitations have become stronger and more frequent, and his fits of coughing so violent, as to give momentary apprenentions of the rupture of a blood vessel. His majesty, who had hitherto born up against his disorder with wonderful magnanimity, seems at length to look for his dissolution, and has sent an express to bring his brother the grand duke to Vienna. Various are the conjectures on the consequences of his death, but it is better to hazard none than fuch as must be vague and imaginary; the event, however, is cetainly a most important one.

All hopes from the favourable crisis of the dauphin's disorder are at an end; he has had a relapse, and is in such a state of debility as to baffle all medical assistance.

LONDON June 3.

A letter from Ireland fays, Mr. Sheridan speaking in the king's bench on Wednesday in defence of a printer of a morning paper, said, "though I admit all that solemn apathy can suggest against the licentiousness of the press, let us remember, that it is a public creditor, to which religion, morality, liberty, genius, and science are much indebted-let us not forget that it preserved the constitution of our fister kingdom, and restored our own. If, therefore, in its freedom it sometimes goes astray; if in assuming the office of a Roman censor it may sometimes trespass, let it be controlled-but let it be controlled as a favourite child, with caution, and with lenity, lest you injure its health, and break its spirit."-We wish the sentiments of the eloquent advocate were adopted in any degree by those who think it their duty to profecute the press.

N A S S A U, (N. P.) July 23.

In St. Domingo, the markets have been so glutted with flour, in confequence of the importation in American bottoms being permitted, that the price of that article was lower early in last month, than it had been at any time before the peace. Similar effects, in all probability, have flowed from the same cause in other French illands.

Throughout the Bahamas, this season has been highly favourable for planting.

LEXINGTON, June 13.

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